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SUBJECT: BILL (H.R. 6254) IN U.S. CONGRESS FOR SUSPENSION
OF IMPORT DUTIES ON FLUORSPAR

1. ON APRIL 22, 1975, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE OF THE
HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, RECEIVED BILL H.R. 6254,
WHICH IS TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE IMPORT
DUTY ON FLUORSPAR. THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMEN
SCHNEEDELI OF PENNSYLVANIA, ARCHER OF TEXAS AND CONABLE OF
NEW YORK. THE SUBMITTAL WAS SUPPORTED WITH A STATEMENT BY
WILLIAM H. STAPLETON OF INLAND STEEL CO., REPRESENTING THE
AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE. WRITTEN STATEMENTS HAVE
BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY STEEL, CHEMICAL AND ALUM-
INUM COMPANIES ON BEHALF OF THE FLUORSPAR CONSUMERS IN
SUPPORT OF THE BILL, AND BY A FEW FLUORSPAR PRODUCERS IN
OPPOSITION TO THE BILL. ALSO, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, COMMERCE AND INTERIOR
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AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN ASKED TO

SUBMIT STATEMENTS PRESENTING THEIR VIEWS ON THE BILL.

2. WHEN THE BILL WAS FIRST PRESENTED, THE COMMITTEE
ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME WRITTEN OR VERBAL STATE-
MENTS ON THE BILL UNTIL APRIL 30, 1975, WHEN IT WAS SCHED-
ULED FOR A VOTE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE. BECAUSE MANY COMPANIES

AND FEDERAL AGENCIES HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE BILL,
AND BECAUSE OPPOSITION TO THE BILL WAS STRONGLY VOICED BY
THE FEW PRODUCERS, THE SCHEDULED VOTE DATE WAS CANCELLED.
AT PRESENT A HEARING DATE HAD NOT BEEN SCHEDULED, NO
IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ANTICIPATED, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR
PASSAGE OF THIS BILL ARE UNPREDICTABLE. A COPY OF BILL
AS INTRODUCED AIR POUCHEO. INGERSOLL

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